

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1327

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Reuben Green of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Reuben Green; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Green served with acumen and alacrity as a professor of Philosophy and Religion at LeMoyne-Owen College for thirty-nine years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers, students, and superiors for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a constant scholar with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, Reuben Green loved learning and was fluent in Hebrew, Greek, and Spanish; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep, Christian convictions, Dr. Green was an active and devout member of the Central Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for forty years as pastor; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Green possessed a highly honed sense of justice and always strove to do what was right and fair; he was an avid supporter of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s teachings and often spoke at events remembering him, and he helped lead the fight against leasing part of Martin Luther King, Jr., Park to the MAPCO oil refinery expansion; and

WHEREAS, as eloquent with the pen as he was with the spoken word, Dr. Green was the author of several books; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Green was a pillar of the community and rendered diligent service as a Master Mason, a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, a Lifetime and Golden Heritage member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and an Executive Board member of the Memphis branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Green enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife of forty-eight years, Mildred, and was the proud father of Reuben Green, Jr., and Howard Green; he will also be fondly remembered and sorely missed by his seven grandchildren and great-grandchild, as well as his two brothers, John Green and Dr. Elmer Green; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Green leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Reuben Green, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Dr. Green.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.